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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Lippard et al.	:	
	:	Title:
Group Art Unit 1742	:	COBALT-NICKEL-CHROMIUM-
	:	MOLYBDENUM ALLOYS WITH
Serial No. 10/656,918	:	REDUCED LEVELS OF TITANIUM
	:	NITRIDE INCLUSIONS
Filed September 5, 2003	:	
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Examiner Michael P. Alexander	:	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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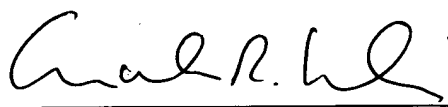
The above-referenced application includes claims 1-49. In the Examiner's November 10, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner requires restriction of the application to the claims of one of the following invention groups:

- I. Claims 1-34, directed to an alloy; and
- II. Claims 35-49, directed to a method of making an alloy.

In response, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Invention Group I, claims 1-34, for further consideration in the present application.

Applicants believe that the elected claims are in conditon for allowance and, therefore, respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date. Should the Examiner, however, conclude that the elected claims are other than in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned so that the Examiner's concerns may be addressed expeditiosly.

Respectfully submitted,

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